AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1.   (Previously canceled)

Claim 2.   (Previously canceled)

Claim 3.   (Previously entered) The method according to claim 6, wherein the communication network is a broadband communication network, and whereby the quality of service parameter is the bandwidth made available.

Claim 4.   (Canceled)

Claim 5.   (Currently amended) An apparatus for negotiating connection parameters in an intelligent communication network, comprising:

a storage device for storing connection parameters about connections and service providers;

a first unit for evaluating the service call; and

a second unit for forwarding the a modified service call to the service provider, wherein

the negotiation of quality of service parameters occurs before setup of a connection with a dedicated network element, and no subsequent negotiation of the quality of service parameters occurs.

Claim 6.   (Currently amended) A method in an intelligent communication network for [[the]] negotiation of connection parameters between at least one communication terminal and at least one communication server, comprising:

implementing the negotiation of quality of service parameters before setup of a connection with a dedicated network element which differs from the communication server;

transmitting a service request from the communication terminal to the communication server to the network element via an exchange;

entering an address of the service provider and the quality of service parameters of the connection into a data structure pertaining to the service request by the network element; and

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communicating the quality of service parameters for the connection setup to the communication server, and wherein no subsequent negotiation of the quality of service parameters occurs, wherein

~~the negotiation of quality of service parameters occurs before setup of a connection with the network element~~.

Claim 7.   (Previously entered) The method according to claim 6, wherein when a new service is setup in the communication network, values of the quality of service parameters are communicated to the network element and stored therein.

Claim 8.   (Canceled)